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1. FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD, ON HIS FIRST DAY BACK IN DUBLIN, CALLED CHARGE IN FOR DISCUSSION OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE AND AMBASSADOR BROWN'S BILATERAL REQUEST ON SUBJECT OF VIETNAM (STATE 97854). FONMIN OPENED BY SAYING HE AND HIS EC COLLEAGUES WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE. HE STRESSED THAT EC, AND IRELAND SPEAKING FOR ITSELF, WERE EAGER TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

2. HE SAID HE ASSUMED THAT, GIVEN NEW SITUATION IN VIETNAM, THE IMPORTANT SUBJECT NOW WAS HUMANITARIAN AID. HE ALSO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE REFUGEE PROBLEM SHOULD BE HANDLED BILATERALLY OR THROUGH US-EC CHANNEL, BUT IN ANY EVENT, HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM FURTHER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. HE HOPED THAT SINCE THE PROBLEM NOW APPEARED TO BE ONE OF PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES THERE WOULD BE TIME TO TAKE DECISIONS ON AN ORDERLY BASIS.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTER THEN ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH, TO US,

INDICATED THAT THE IRISH ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A POSITIVE RESPONSE. QUESTIONS WERE:

A) WHAT IS THE LATEST ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES?

B) ARE THEY IN FAMILY GROUPS OR SEPARATELY?

C) WHAT IS THE GENERAL LEVEL OF BACKGROUND AND JOB QUALIFICATION?

D) HOW URGENT IS THE NEED FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT?

E) ARE THERE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS SUCH AS IMMEDIATE AID?

4. WE RESPONDED THAT WE CLEARLY DID NOT HAVE MATERIAL IN DUBLIN TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS BUT WOULD TRANSMIT THEM. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED PROMPTLY FROM AMBASSADOR BROWN'S SPECIAL TASK FORCE IN WASHINGTON. FITZGERALD SAID HE VERY MUCH WANTED TO GET HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN CONTACT WITH TASK FORCE BUT WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING OUT IN FRONT OF HIS EC COLLEAGUES WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORITY. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET AROUND THIS PROBLEM BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AMBASSADOR BROWN WOULD INVITE IRISH DCM SMALL IN FOR AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING THAT HE COULD TRANSMIT TO HIS EC COLLEAGUES. HE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE WANTED THE CONTACT MADE SO LONG AS THE INITIATIVE FOR IT COULD BE FUDGED.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO ASKED BRIEFLY IF WE HAD ANY THOUGHTS ON AID IN VIETNAM ITSELF. HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER NVN/PRG WOULD EVEN ACCEPT AID.

6. ON RECOGNITION, FITZGERALD SAID HE HAD NO CLEAR IDEA OF THE NEXT STEP, NOTED WIDELY DIVERGENT PRACTICES AMONG EC COUNTRIES, AND SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE ANY U.S. THINKING ON THE SUBJECT.

7. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR TO US, BOTH FROM TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF FITZGERALD'S REMARKS, THAT HE IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN BEING SECRET

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AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE FACES DIFFICULT DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM ON THE QUESTION OF REFUGEE SETTLEMENT, AND WE ASSUME THAT HE NEEDS ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS BEFORE HE CAN GET A COMMITMENT FROM EITHER HIS OWN GOVERNMENT OR EC. WE HOPE WASHINGTON CONTACT CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.  
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